



# CCF Promises Farm Electricity

## C.C.F. RURAL CANDIDATES



**B. B. STARKY,**  
Nominated for the  
Bruce Constituency



**A. V. BOSSERT,**  
Candidate in Peace River



**ROY W. HAY,**  
Nominated for the  
Vermilion Constituency

## Will Be Guided By Rural Vote On Public Ownership

If the people in rural constituencies vote for a publicly owned power system, they will be given rural electrification by a C.C.F. government regardless of the overall result of the plebiscite to be taken by the government on August 17th. Decision to take this action was made at a meeting of the C.C.F. Provincial Board in Edmonton last Saturday.

In a statement issued to the press following the meeting, it was stated that the following features of the C.C.F. program would be emphasized in the provincial election campaign.

### 1. Rural Electrification:

"The C.C.F. reaffirms its program for rural electrification. In connection with the plebiscite announced by the Premier, the Provincial Board makes the following statement:

(a) We strongly urge the people of the cities and towns to join with rural people in voting for a publicly owned power system. Experience in every part of the world has shown that rural electrification can only be achieved in any extensive way by public ownership. We cannot believe that the people of the cities and towns, who now enjoy the convenience of electricity in their homes, will vote to

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## MRS. SATHER'S RUG AIDS RADIO FUND

A "lot more money" did come in this week and it was urgently needed to help finance the programs which have been increased very considerably during the election campaign. Especially heartwarming was a contribution of \$25.00 from the Wapman C.C.F. Club, proceeds of a raffle. The article raffled was a rug made by Mrs. Edward Sather of Wanham, who by the way hooked a rug that was raffled last fall for the same purpose. Mrs. Sather is over seventy years of age but the years have not dimmed her interest in the movement to which she has given so generously of her time and talent. Another nice contribution of \$23.00 was turned in by the Modeste Creek C.C.F. Club.

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## PERSONAL STUFF BY E. E. R.

Reports from all parts of the province are encouraging. I see some of our opposition is giving us ten seats. We are not saying anything about that, except that if they think we can win ten, I suggest we can as easily win thirty. That there is a swing no one can deny. A man from out west of Edmonton said to me the other day: "You know it is just like 1921. There was no hip hip hooray then, just a determined decision on the part of the voters that it was time for a change." From another constituency east of Edmonton a well-known lawyer wrote: "You can mark up a win here right now. If the swing elsewhere is as pronounced as it is here I predict forty seats for the C.C.F." From a southern constituency came a telephone call from a friend who is not in the C.C.F. He said the change there was almost unbelievable. A prominent farmer who had been the key Social Creditor in an area of the constituency was working hard for the C.C.F. and told my friend that the C.C.F. candidate would "lick the pants off the present member." It was a constituency which I had written off. Other evidence of a like nature indicates that no constituency may be written off.

The fact is that if the desire for a change is as strong as it is beginning to appear to us, there will be a new government in Alberta after August 17. Let no C.C.F.er proceed with any other thought in mind. It is an interesting thing that our opponents are saying, "The C.C.F. is going to win seats." They are saying it in such a way as to indicate that we can't win enough to defeat the government. The fact is that if the C.C.F. is going to win seats, they say, then the C.C.F. can

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## Score Transport Board

## Provinces Demanding Royal Commission On Freight Rate

BY DORIS FRENCH

OTTAWA, (CPA)—The freight rates issues isn't dead by any means. Seven provincial government leaders let the federal cabinet know, in a meeting here on July 20, that their united protest when the 21% increase went into effect in April is still a real issue among the Westerners and Maritimers.

Emphasis has shifted from a demand for suspension of the 21% increase, to a strong attack on the freight rate structure, and on the "across the board" kind of increase which makes heavier the already unjust burden borne by the outlying regions in Canada. The delegation from the provinces emphasized that this kind of overall percentage increase must not become a precedent for the future. (The railways are already talking of a new 15% overall increase, following the boost in wages by 17c an hour to railway workers.)

The delegation got tough on the matter of the Transport Board. The Board had been far too ready to accept the weak case put up by the C.P.R., the provincial ministers said. Their "legalistic" interpretations, and the fact that they so readily granted the 21% increase made them obviously unfit to conduct a thorough enquiry into

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## EDMONTON MEETINGS

Edmonton C.C.F. candidates will speak at the following community hall meetings. (All will start at 8 p.m.)

Friday, July 30—Alberta Avenue Community Hall.

Wednesday, August 4—North Edmonton Community Hall.

Thursday, August 5—St. John's Parish Hall, corner 199 Street and University Avenue.

Friday, August 6—The Anglican Church Hall, Calder.

## RE-ELECT DOUGLAS AS C.C.F. LEADER

REGINA, (CPA)—Premier T. C. Douglas was re-elected political leader of the Saskatchewan C.C.F. by acclamation at the annual convention. He has held the position since 1942.

"This is no formality," said Mr. Douglas in thanking the delegates for their confidence. "This is the control which you have over your government. You should prize it and tell the people about it more. I am the only head of a government in Canada who must come back each year to be endorsed by his party. With the Liberals it can be every 19 years."

## Two Prize Air Routes

OTTAWA, (CPA)—The C.P.R. has forced a complete change of the government's aviation policy, and walked away with two prize Pacific air routes. It was announced in Ottawa last week that airlines to Australia and to northern Asia would be developed by C.P.A., the air service of the C.P.R., despite the fact that the C.P.R. had the federal government's support in 1947. The federal government stated positively that all international air service would remain in government hands, under the operation of Trans-Canada Airlines.

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## BUTTER IS UP AGAIN ONE MORE CENT POUND

OTTAWA, (CPA)—Butter was hoisted one cent more a pound all across Canada on July 20, by decree of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

This brings the butter ceiling to 74 cents in Ontario and Quebec, 75 cents in the Maritimes, 72 cents in Manitoba, 71 cents in Saskatchewan and Alberta and 73 cents in British Columbia.

The 21 cent freight rate increase last April was cited as reason for the increase.

## Liberal Cabinet Gives In Completely to the C.P.R.

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ment was signed, the government statement said that the Canadian company to take part in the operations would be T.C.A.

### "In Due Course"

Early in May, rumors that the C.P.R. would be given this vast air concession brought Stanley Knowles, (C.C.F., Winnipeg North Centre) to his feet in the House of Commons, seeking confirmation of the government's formerly declared policy. The answers of C. D. Howe and Transport Minister Chevrier were evasive, saying only that "government policy would be announced in due course."

Following the announcement in (Continued on Page 8)

## In Calgary

## AUSTIN AND ORR C.C.F. CANDIDATES

George R. Austin and William Orr have been nominated as C.C.F. candidates in Calgary bringing the slate up to five. The other candidates are George Ellinson, Mrs. Mary Hart and A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A.

Because of the very marked swing to the C.C.F. all across Canada, and particularly in view of the rapidly increasing Labor support, the Calgary C.C.F. felt that the situation warranted the nomination of a full slate of five candidates.

In harmony with the Canadian Congress of Labor policy in accepting the C.C.F. as the political arm of Labor, the nominating convention unanimously nominated William Orr, Nitrogen plant worker and past president of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Local 690.

Several C.C.F. members who are prominently associated with A.F. of L. unions in Calgary, placed the name of Mr. Austin before the convention and he was also unanimously chosen. He is a member of the Firefighters' union and president of the Civic Federation. During the war he was a volunteer blitz firefighter overseas.

## Rural Electrification Plebiscite

## An Insult to Alberta Farmers

BY ROBERT CARLYLE

**I**N A province which will always be basically agricultural, we might reasonably expect a provincial government to do everything possible to promote the welfare of this industry. But unfortunately this has not been the case in Alberta for the past thirteen years at least.

The present Minister of Agriculture has in recent speeches stressed the need for a vigorous soil conservation program. And we most certainly agree that immediate action is necessary in this regard. He states that we must have more livestock on our farms in central Alberta, and more land in hay and pasture production. Here again we agree. But in spite of these profound statements, our present provincial government is doing very little to encourage livestock production.

## Shortage of Help

The limiting factor to increased livestock production in recent years has been the shortage and increased cost of experienced help. We can no longer expect to have a plentiful supply of men to work long hours at hard manual labor.

Much of our heavy work, such as haying, is rapidly becoming mechanized. The increased use of machinery for such tasks will mean more work accomplished in less time.

But electrical power on the farm would do more to reduce labor and increase the efficiency of livestock production than anything else we could have. The Social Credit government has done nothing, however, to assist a rural electrification program in this province.

In the 1944 election, we in the C.C.F. stressed our rural electrification program, and stated emphatically that our provincial government should immediately purchase existing power facilities in Alberta, and proceed to set up a provincial hydro electric system. The present government were aware that such a plan would undoubtedly be very popular with the farmer, and the power companies decided that they should at least make a pretense of taking some action.

## 3 Busy Men

The Government set up a Power Commission composed of three men who were already busy with full-time jobs, to study rural electrification.

Then about a month before the provincial election, the daily papers carried headlines announcing that the power companies had a scheme to provide rural electrification in Alberta. Lines were to be installed in areas where average mileage was 3/4 mile or less, and would eventually be extended to districts where mileage was even greater. In 3 or 4 years, installations would be made at the rate of 5000 per year. Total cost per farm would average \$650 to \$700, but the farmer would pay

only \$100.00 down, and the balance of cost would be made up with a service rate of \$5.00 per month.

## Power Co. Changes Mind

A great many farmers were willing to take the power on this basis, although they realized that the cost was higher than it should be. But after a few lines had been erected, this policy was changed abruptly by the Calgary Power Co. They found that there wasn't going to be any great profit in the scheme for them, and with the number of farmers who wanted power increasing so rapidly, the Company's investments in rural lines would be heavy. So the farmers were advised that they would have to pay total construction costs themselves, but in return they would be granted lower service rates.

In districts where farmers are still attempting to go ahead, they are organizing in Co-operatives and the individuals who are unable to pay the total cost in cash are being assisted by a loan, which the Government has intimated they will guarantee.

In other parts of Canada Rural Electrification is proceeding rapidly under public ownership. The Manitoba Power Commission began the construction of rural lines in 1945. At the end of this year they expect to have about 1/4 of the farms in the province



ROBERT CARLYLE,  
C.C.F. Candidate for Lacombe

electrified.

## Manitoba Acts Quickly

The Calgary Power Co. and the provincial government tell us repeatedly that it is the shortage of materials which is holding up construction. Poles, transformers, etc., have been unavailable in any large quantities. This was also true in Manitoba, but there they proceeded to do something about it. They cut native poles, and built a plant to treat them with creosote. A factory was established at St.

Boniface to make transformers. In Manitoba the cost to the farmer is absolutely nothing for the transformer in his yard. In Alberta it is now from \$700 to \$900.

## Expanding in Sask.

In Saskatchewan no large-scale Rural Electrification scheme has been started as yet, as they have little water power development in that province. The larger towns and cities have been served by small local plants, and there was no system of main transmission lines until recently. But the Saskatchewan Power Commission set up by the C.C.F. Government have purchased these lines and plants and are expanding as rapidly as possible. In addition to making a substantial profit, the Commission has made four cuts in power rates, and consumers now pay little more than half as much as they did four years ago.

Something entirely new has been developed in Saskatchewan, that is the use of natural gas as power generators.

## Ontario's Efficient System

In Ontario a Government Hydro Electric System was set up over 35 years ago, and power is now being supplied to over half the farmers in the province with no construction costs. An official of a private power company in this province has stated that the Ontario Hydro Electric is considered

one of the most efficient systems on the continent.

## Not By Private Companies

There are very few places in Canada, or anywhere in the world for that matter, where Rural Electrification has been provided on any large scale by private companies, for the very simple reason that rural lines are not particularly profitable.

We proficients should not be too critical of the Calgary Power, for after all, private companies are formed for one purpose only, to return the largest possible profits to the shareholders. The officials of the company who are working on Rural Electrification are doing their best under the present plan, but they do not determine the policy.

## Profits Would Pay For It

Only through public ownership will we have the majority of our farms served by electricity, Calgary Power's profits (they are now over two million dollars yearly) in the past 20 years would have carried the power to well over one-third of the farms in the province if they had been used for this purpose.

Every major farm organization in Alberta has repeatedly asked our provincial government to set up a Power Commission which would buy out private companies and proceed immediately with Rural Electrification as it should be done.

## Insult to Farmers

Now after fighting for years to get action, the farmers are asked to vote on this question. It is an insult to their intelligence, and indicates an attitude of utter contempt for their organizations on behalf of the government. It is the same sort of election bait as that offered in 1944 on the Rural Electrification issue.

## Can't Depend on S.C.

If the present government is returned to power, the result of the plebiscite will be unimportant. If the vote should be in favor of private companies, we will proceed as at present, a few hundred farms in the better districts will get power at very high cost, and the remainder will get promises. If the vote should ask for power development under public ownership, we will doubtless get even less action from men who have repeatedly declared their abhorrence of public ownership of anything in any form—they just will not carry out this program.

We will only get Rural Electrification from a government which believes that our power and other natural resources should be owned and developed by the people themselves for their own benefit. We will not get it from a government which considers the profits of large corporations of more importance than the welfare of the people.

"What does this expression, 'Sez you, mean?' asked the British judge.

"My lord," the clerk replied, "it appears that this is a slang expression of American origin which has gained regrettable currency in the language of our people through the insidious agency of the cinema, and is, I am led to understand, employed to indicate a state of dubiety in the mind of the speaker as to the veracity or credibility of a statement made to him."

"Oh, yeah!" said the judge.

## Social Credit "Reformed"!

Excerpts from article in Maclean's Magazine, July 15,

By "The Man with a Notebook"

**O**PPOSITION of the Manning Government admit that the schism in the Social Credit party is not itself very serious. The rebels are a mere sliver, with little public backing. They are the extreme wing—Norman Jaques, the federal M.P., is probably the most notorious of them, but they're all of more or less the same stripe. If they were Premier Manning's only worry, the Government would be all right.

## Good Deal to Oil Co's

More important is the fact that a good many Albertans are sore. The Social Credit Government gave a very good deal to the oil companies who struck it rich at Leduc. Farmers who didn't happen to own the oil rights of their land (and the great majority do not) were less fortunate. The compensation to farmers who owned surface rights only has been meagre; resentment at this has been fanned by envy of the lucky few whose possession of mineral rights made them wealthy men.

It may be symbolic of the whole Alberta situation that the recent revival of the Liberal Party, under Harper Prowse, is



By Gransick in Maclean's.

being hailed with delight by the C.C.F. Prowse is an able and popular young lawyer; (newspaperman) the C.C.F. expects him to pull a good many votes. And they count every vote cast for a Liberal as one taken away from the Government.

Whether or not this judgment is wholly warranted, the once-radical Social Credit regime has come a long way since it fought the banks in the mid-30's. It has become eminently respectable. Alberta Conservatives, who have no sympathy with the recent attempt to revive Liberalism, are almost openly supporting the Manning Government—they believe it is to be as Tory as any reasonable man need desire.

The Challenge, an organ of the "Daughlastic" rebels, had this to say a couple of months ago:

Darlings of Daily Press

"The late Premier Aberhart once remarked 'When the Edmonton Journal and the Calgary Herald (both Conservative news-

papers) are attacking me, I am happy for I know I am on the right track. But if by chance one of them gave me a pat on the back, I would sit down and think hard what I had done wrong' . . . Alas, gone are those days. The traditional opponents of Social Credit, represented by the Edmonton Journal and the Calgary Herald, no longer find it necessary to attack the Alberta movement. In fact, these two newspapers have, during the past three years, been almost enthusiastic supporters of the movement."

The 364 question in Alberta politics is this: Have the voters gone through the same process of change as their Government?

The Government, originally elected as a rabid foe of the existing order, has gradually swung around to militant support of things as they are. If the Alberta people feel the same way nowadays, the future of the Manning Government is secure. If not, the C.C.F. will have its chance to move in.



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## WHEAT PROBLEM

Western Canada is part of the North American wheat economy. That's a basic fact. Our general prosperity depends largely on the size of the crop, its price and available markets. War and its tragic consequences in Europe created conditions under which we could forget about "surpluses," those "happy days" are now ending. The wheat problem is again raising its ugly head.



Estimates of the North American wheat crop rate it the second largest in history. It may well top the record production of last year. European crops are almost back to pre-war production. Russia reports a bumper crop. So does Argentina and Australia. Britain has ended bread rationing. France is cutting down imports of wheat.

Last February there was a break in commodity prices. Then came a recovery and most items resumed their upward trend in prices. Only wheat remained stationary. Unlike steel or rubber production it cannot be controlled by a board of directors. Last year American Congressmen blamed wheat exports for rising food prices in the U.S.A. Now they are pleased to boost these exports. Why? Because the markets are drying up. Corn was scarce last year and prices high. Farmers found it cheaper to feed wheat to livestock. This year's corn crop will bring its price down and farmers will again feed corn. More wheat surplus which all adds up to a serious "wheat problem." And farmers know what that means. So do railroad men and everybody else who depends on the farmers' income for a livelihood. The memories of the Hungry Thirties are still fresh.

Big Business Monopolies are well organized in their respective fields of production. Production and prices are under control. Reserves and profits are high. They are well prepared to meet a depression. Only the farmer is left open to the chilly winds of glutted markets and collapsing prices.

True, enough, efforts are made by United Nations Agencies to stabilize world food production and prices. But it may take years to bring about such a planned economy. In the meantime the farmer must take steps to protect himself against the economic shock of a wheat surplus. He will need assistance and protection to save himself from bankruptcy.

There is only one way in which he can obtain such protection—through political action. And now is the time. Present provincial and federal governments with the exception of Saskatchewan represent Big Business interests. The white hope of Alberta farmers has turned out a bitter disappointment. The Social Credit Government has lined up with Big Business interests. They have become the darlings of Imperial Oil Co. and the Manufacturers' Association. The Millionaire press has become their mouthpiece. Their federal policies are the policies of Big Business. The Progressive Conservative Party would not worry much about

## The People Speak

Letters to the editor may be published under a pseudonym, but in each case the name and address of the writer must be forwarded to the editor as evidence of good faith. The People's Weekly takes no responsibility for opinions expressed by correspondents and will not publish any letters exceeding 300 words in length.

## A MIGHTY WEAPON

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: We of the province of Alberta are facing an election. We read, in this paper, of the election issues. They are of major importance, each of them, but they all sum up to the same thing: Do we or do we not want economic freedom?

It is true that this country is founded on the principles of democracy, but is it conducted as such? I do not think it is. The freedoms of democracy are abused. Ranking among others in importance is the exploitation of the material wealth of the nation by a few. But there is one still greater importance. It lies very close to home, closer than you may think. It lies with you. Too many of us take for granted one of the greatest implements of self-government, the ballot.

Few of us realize the importance, the significance of the ballot. With it we may make or break a nation, we may make it one of poverty or one of plenty, one in which people barely survive or one in which people live comfortably. Yes the ballot is a mighty weapon and it, as any other mighty weapon, should be treated as such. Before you cast your ballot weigh its possibilities.

I would like to especially draw your attention to one of its possibilities, the C.C.F. It is too often tossed aside with a taunt of "communism". In reality it is the only party which offers to Canadians the economic freedom without which there can be no democracy. Think of that as you cast your ballot.

UNA M. POWELL.

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a new leader. Mr. Solon Low, the leader of the Social Credit party is made to order for such a position.

Western farmers' welfare program is clearly set out in the C.C.F. policies hammered out by organized farmers in their own conventions. In view of the approaching crisis, farmers can ill afford to pass up the opportunity of electing a C.C.F. government in Alberta on the 17th of August.

## "UNITED WE STAND"

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: The article by Clifford Lee, (In a recent issue of the P.W.) says what I have been trying to say for the past three years.

Our opposition has through the years got it so thoroughly drilled into the majority that the C.C.F. platform is an extremist one that I hear many men of high intelligence say, when the truth about our views on free enterprise, co-operation and socialism is explained to them, that if the general public only understood what the C.C.F. stands for, they, the C.C.F., would get 75 per cent of the popular vote.

The vast majority of farmers have always thought the C.C.F. would not be content until they had collectivised the farms as they have in Russia. In fact some of our speakers say so.

The formula is "the socialization of the means of production, distribution and exchange." Our own phraseology as well as that of all our opponents has misled the majority and made them scared to support us.

We now have the example of Britain and of Saskatchewan to point to as proof that the C.C.F. is not an extremist organization. As I have understood the aim of the C.C.F. movement, it is to build a better world by the use of every and any means at our disposal. I believe that if the majority believed that they would be with us. Our opponents have indicated that we are going to build a better world through socialism or through having everything run by the government, and if we couldn't build a better world that way we wouldn't build it at all.

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BY M. ZELLA SPENCER

OF COURSE every political party in Alberta is busy at the present time in putting its best foot forward as they say. That is always a pre-election state of affairs. And judging from the energy that is always exerted, the time and thought and money that is expended by way of the radio, the press and the platform as well as in personal contact, it must be considered worth-while and that thereby some people do change their minds.

Following some of the propaganda that is poured out, one cannot but fail to think that some of it is rather an insult to the intelligence of thinking people. On the face of it, some of it is obviously such poor reasoning. For instance, sometimes the fact that many people are trying to emigrate now from Great Britain is produced with utmost solemnity as conclusive argument against a socialistic form of government in any country or any province. Just what mentality is supposed to look at it unquestionably in that light?

Is the argument supposed to appeal to those who do not know that Great Britain has had to shoulder a tremendous economic burden as a result of the war years which on the whole meant financial gain for this country? Do they think there will be those who do not realize how depleted that country has been in food supply, in coal supply in man-power to mention but three things? Do they think there are some who will not know that the country suffered physical destruction in some instances and that in many, many more instances suffered a breaking up of homes and families to such an extent that those who are left want to make a complete change and start life afresh in a new country. All this in addition to the usual flow of population from the crowded older countries to lands of greater spaces and wider opportunities in some instances. As I said, to what type of people of what type of understanding, does this argument appeal?

And to what type of thinking is the word "socialized service" painted in such lurid coloring as being regimentation—to be avoided

at any price if life is to be at all worth-while? For surely thinking people realize our school system is a socialized service and has made life a different thing for so many, many people. There is no party, I am sure, which would go back to the old system of education of the people and give up our socialized service.

And now when our mail service is bringing us even closer and closer together as a Dominion with letters going by airmail, who would want to give up that socialized service? East and West in Canada can now measure themselves in hours and days apart in communication rather than in days and weeks. And what party would want to give up our socialized road service?

It seems rather a pity that these various services have not always been labelled, "Socialized Services." If that had been the case possibly the words would have been associated in their proper sense. That is, it would mean services, which are for the benefit of society and are most efficient in these days of living and working together.

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## SAY WHAT PEOPLE WOULD SAY

**P**ROBABLY the most striking thing about the C.C.F. position in Alberta politics today is the close similarity between the C.C.F. program and that of various people's organizations like the farm movements. This has not come about by any collaboration, but it is no accident, either. To a very great extent, the same people who made the programs of the other organizations made that of the C.C.F. also.

The claim of the C.C.F. to be a people's organization rests on this inter-relation, not organizationally but in thought and spirit, with farm, labor, co-operative movements. Its representatives in parliament and legislatures say the things the people would say if they were there.

## THEY CAN HAVE IT

**F**ROM every part of the province there is evidence of much resentment over what is regarded as a trick on the part of the government to thwart the farm people on the rural electrification issue. Nothing could be clearer than the government's violent opposition to public ownership. By giving a vote on the rural electrification issue to a hundred thousand people who are not directly concerned, it hopes to get an overall majority against the scheme.

The C.C.F. has made it clear that there is a way in which the rural people can be sure that they will get their electrification scheme. If they will vote for it and elect a C.C.F. government the project will be undertaken. Only a vote against the scheme by rural people would deter a C.C.F. government from going forward with one of the most important planks in its provincial program.

## CAN'T BE ON BOTH SIDES

**W**E have ventured to suggest in these columns that the calculated ignoring of the demands of the farm organizations of this province by the Manning-Maynard government has amounted to something like a slap in the face for the rural groups; that the continued suggestion that the farm organizations have not represented the views of the rank and file of farmers added insult to injury.

That view is shared by the farm groups themselves. In a broadcast last week, the Alberta Farmers' Union, referring to the course grains issue, said: "We know the farm groups do speak for the majority of the farmers in this province, and to say they are not the voice of the majority of farmers, and that the leaders of the farm groups do not enjoy the backing of the majority of farmers—is an insult and a challenge to our farm groups."

Nothing that could be said by a C.C.F. speaker could be more critical of the government than the broadcast in question. It complained that the farm organizations have been "slapped around" and "given the run-around" by the Manning administration.

We could scarcely think of anything more politically significant than the fact that the farm organizations are critical of the government, while the daily papers of Calgary and Edmonton are praising it and advocating its re-election. In such circumstances the ordinary people of the province, farmers and workers, must see their course clearly. No government that serves the interests of farmers and workers could get the support of the millionaire daily press.

## NOT MUCH HOPE

**I**T must be a matter of some gratification to C.C.F. people in the province to observe that the issues which have arisen in the provincial election which takes place on August 17th are those which the C.C.F. representatives have been raising in the legislature for the past four years.

It has been the C.C.F. members who have called attention to the bad deal the municipal taxpayer has been getting from the government, and by resolutions and in other ways they have pressed for all of the reforms which were later found by the Judge Commission to be justified.

But while the C.C.F. members were pressing the demands of the municipal taxpayer, the government, which is now including some long overdue reforms in its election promises, sneered at every proposal placed before it in the legislature. That fact and the lengthy record of broken promises which the government has already established, shouldn't provide much hope for the overloaded municipal ratepayer.

## PEOPLE CAN WIN

**E**VERY DAILY newspaper in Calgary and Edmonton is supporting the Manning government. Hundreds of thousands of pieces of election literature, printed at public expense, are being distributed by the Social Credit organization. Unlimited money is being spent by those to whose interest it is to keep the government in office. Against all this must be the concentrated effort of C.C.F. supporters. The odds against the people are great in this election, but they can win.

## THE THIRD COLUMN

WELL-OILED S. C. MACHINE

Calgary Herald, July 24:

"A sound suspiciously like that of a well-oiled political machine at work has been emanating from Social Credit nominating conventions in the past few weeks."

"First and most notable instance was in St. Albert, where Charles Holder . . . has been supplanted by Hon. Lucien Maynard, attorney-general, who has moved over from the Beaver River Constituency."

"This change was apparently a bit of a surprise even in Social Credit ranks. The Canadian Social Creditor, official party newspaper, devoted considerable space to praising Mr. Holder prior to the nominating convention. . . . 'It is hard to understand why a 'valued member' should receive this treatment. But the following part of the article might give some insight."

"A fighter for his own people, Mr. Holder has consistently advocated better roads for his area and the results achieved in that territory are largely the consequence of his work."

Arthur Wray, the member for Banff-Cochrane was expelled from the party not long after he objected to poor road maintenance in his area."

"Mrs. Edith Thurston, Cypress member, . . . was noticeably disappointed when she lost out. In Edmonton, a similar performance took place. N. B. James, . . . fell by the wayside. . . . He was a member of the now defunct Social Credit Board, which on occasion embarrassed the government. He was also a Douglas Social Creditor."

"Correspondents report that the Bow Valley-Empress Social Credit nominating convention held on July 12, broke up amid charges that it had been packed in favor of the sitting member. . . ."

"Here in Calgary, the nominating convention was not open to the press. . . ."

"In the early days, Social Credit nominating conventions were called not to choose a candidate, but simply to choose several potential candidates—candidates, so to speak, for the candidacy—with the final selection being made by party leaders in Edmonton. One wonders if some such system is not being revived."



## COURAGEOUS TOURISTS

Calgary Herald, July 6:

"The duty of Calgarians was to 'make the visitors our friends' and in so doing they would guarantee the future greatness of the city and the Stampede, A. L. Smith, K.C., M.P., declared Monday evening when he officially opened the 63rd annual rodeo and exhibition. . . ."

"Paying tribute to the visitors, Mr. Smith said, 'You Americans have superb courage—for daring to drive over these roads of ours.' He suggested the tourists be given a medal for bravery with garages which had made money repairing visitors' cars paying for the striking of the medal."



## AN EVERY-DAY JOB

The Financial Post, July 10:

"The C.C.F. is everywhere at work every week, solidifying interest, building loyalty, exploiting the human and all-but universal desire of people to be part of a group. And whether it's C.C.F. tea parties, eueches, picnics, study groups or bingoes that interest them most, the political result is the same."

## FOOTPRINTS

## By Their Fruits

BY J. P. GRIFFIN



"Send out thy light and thy truth let them lead me."

**W**E ARE told that there is a lighthouse standing on the shores of Scotland in which there is no lamp. Yet it regularly flashes its beacon light of warning, or encouragement, to ships that pass that rocky coast. This lighthouse uses lenses and reflectors which pick up a beam of light transmitted from the shore, and in this way sends its messages out across the sea.

We, as supporters of the C.C.F., are called upon by the needs of those who do battle with life's stormy waters to pass on to them the light we may receive. Lights of warning, and lights of encouragement. We are not the light, but we may become illuminated with, and pass on, floodlights of truth that will bring many an economic mariner safely into the harbor.

Here is a light of warning from Cyrus Eaton, Nova Scotia industrialist and banker. In an article entitled, "A Capitalist Looks At Labor," he writes that "to avoid extinction, capitalists will have to make, immediate and radical changes in our attitude toward labor." He continues, "I also believe we may see a strong alliance between labor and the farmer, accompanied by a tremendous expansion of the manufacturing and selling co-operatives. The effect of such a formidable combination awaits only the magic touch of some dynamic personality. Then, I, in mine."

if Capitalism has not already gone by the board, its continuing existence will be completely at the mercy of an estranged ninety-five per cent of the electorate." Eaton said that the U.S. Supreme Court decision against the miners "will be productive of untold evil in the whole field of labor relations."

Here is a light of encouragement. A Saskatchewan girl was taken ill with polio. Within a matter of hours the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance had arrived to take her to the hospital. As the father put his daughter on the plane he wondered if he would ever see his child alive and happy again. Some ten days later he was notified from Regina that she was ready to come home, and when he reached the hospital his little girl came running down the corridor to meet him. Is it any wonder that tears of joy were running down that father's cheeks as he picked her up in his arms?

Here then is something we all can do: We can pass on the light of truth to our neighbors. We cannot, perhaps, be like the great human dynamos that seem to generate the great lights of truth by which humanity survives. But we can all pass on the truth as we see it. Not offensively, but setting the facts before our friends and neighbors as a worth-while gift, which it then becomes the responsibility of the hearer to accept, or to reject. You, in your small corner of the universe, and I, in mine.

## Who Owns Oil Rights?

By J. E. COOK  
President, Alberta C.C.F.

**A**CTUALLY, surface rights are no rights at all. Many a farmer, on a good farm in the Leduc area, has had to find this out the hard way. He is the owner, so he thought, of a farm. Patent obtained by Grand-dad. No mortgage. Title in the safety deposit box. Fenced. Good well. Good buildings. My home, my castle!

## Farmer Has a Visitor

Comes an oil company agent. Says the agent: "We are about to drill an oil well just here—in the middle of your wheat field. It means that we will have to take down the fences, make a road across the pasture; lay a pipeline in a square covering the centre of the quarter to accommodate four or eight wells. It means that a bulldozer will dig out a big four acre bowl for each well, six to eight feet deep in the centre where the derrick will sit. It means there will be oil spilled around and that separators and oil tanks will be set up with pipelines to carry off the surplus gas to waste in flame."



## A Strange Home of Home

"It means that there will be machinery working here night and day for the next undetermined number of months. It means there will be trucks and cars roving around. It means that your farm, as you have known it, will be no more. You have no fences, no privacy, no authority to say what

areas you farm, or how you farm them."

"No," protests the farmer, "this is mine."

But under the present set-up, the oil company agent is right. The government of Alberta—the farmer's own agent—has, in four or eight different blocks, given complete control of many acres of the surface that Mr. Farmer thought he owned, to a foreign corporation.

## Who Is Kidding Whom?

The farmer does not own his farm, not even the surface rights, when an oil company wants to exercise the right of entry, legally provided by lease or purchase of the mineral rights. The fact that you have lived there for forty or fifty years, that you want with all your heart to stay on the family farm, that you have your certificate of title, that you vigorously oppose the proposal of the oil company—all of these things get you nowhere. The only thing left is compensation.

## Compensation—Boo-oo

And the compensation offered has been a real scandal—the final evidence of the callous sell-out of the farmers by their own agent, the Social Credit government. Therein is the proof of complete betrayal—forced settlements which bear no relation at all to the value of the property. The government should have protected the interests of the farmers—instead it protected the interests of the

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The convention will feature a banquet, on August 20; and a special women's luncheon on August 19.

The British Labor Party has been invited to send a fraternal delegate to the C.C.F. Convention. Sam Watson, a Durham miner, now vice-chairman of the B.L.P. was delegate in 1936.

# State Electricity for N.Z. Farms

BY MAURICE KITCHING

**F**EW COUNTRIES in the world are more extensively served with electricity than New Zealand, though it is comparatively sparsely settled and in many places not easy of access.

Nearly 98 per cent of New Zealand's one and three-quarter million people live within areas of electricity supply, so there are few homes — most of them in utterly remote spots — not enjoying the use of electric power.



Almost all the electricity generated in the Dominion comes from the state hydro stations strategically situated on New Zealand's fast-flowing rivers. From them it is distributed throughout the country to locally elected supply authorities who buy it from the state and sell it to their own consumers. This system works very well.

New Zealand is an avid user of electricity. Increasing industrialization brings a heavier factory load, but biggest increase in consumption over recent years has been shown by home users. A goodly share of all New Zealand meals are cooked on electric stoves, and most household water-heating is done by electricity. Vacuum cleaners and radios are

practically standard fittings in the average New Zealand home and more and more are installing food-mixers, washing machines and refrigerators, not to mention all the other appliances, like clocks, bed-warmers, toasters, kettles and fans. Electric lighting, of course, is universal.

Despite the higher cost of supply to the thinly settled areas, the farmer is almost as well off as the urban dweller in availability and price of current. In no other country in the world is there less difference between the price charged to the city man and the farmer at the end of the line. Exact price comparisons are difficult, but experts say that while Canada sells power slightly cheaper in the cities than New Zealand does, the latter leads in the lowness of its charge to the man on the land.

Spurred on by a constantly rising standard of living, demand has risen by 10 per cent annually over recent years, outstripping a war-handicapped supply system and causing short periods of temporary rationing. But more and more generating stations are being brought into use to send supply once more ahead of demand.

#### Widely Used

Statistics show how the use of electricity has widened as the average man in New Zealand has prospered over recent years. In



HON. PETER FRASER, Prime Minister of New Zealand, whose Labor government has brought electricity within reach of practically every farm home with low cost rates prevailing for power from the state hydro stations.

the decade from 1935-36 onward, radio sets increased from 194,000 to 410,000; electric stoves from 40,000 to 135,000; water heaters from 54,000 to 160,000; milking machines from 17,000 to 32,000. The number of users has risen from 356,000 to 493,000, while the price unit (average) has fallen from 1.25 pence to a little over .75 pence.

## Just a Minute

By A. J. E. LIESEMER.

So Mr. Manning, if re-elected, will implement the recommendations of the Judge Report "within the capacity of provincial revenue."

What has he been doing for the last 13 years?

In accord with the C.C.F. platform Mr. Roper and I for the last four sessions have been demanding that the Provincial Treasury pay:

1. All of the cost of old age pensions. The Cabinet now charges the municipalities \$2 per pension.
2. All of Mothers' Allowances. Alberta now makes the municipal taxpayer pay 25%.
3. The major share of indigent relief. Social Credit now pays none of it; the municipality pay all.
4. At least 50% of the cost of education. The present Cabinet pays only 30%, the municipalities across the province pay 70%.

No other province in Canada charges as much to the Municipal taxpayers as does the Alberta Social Credit Government.

Mr. Roper and I have been saying in the Legislature what Mayors and Councilors have been clamoring for in conventions and what the people have been demanding in their homes

and on their farms.

THE JUDGE REPORT RECOMMENDS ALMOST EXACTLY WHAT THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CLAMORING FOR AND WHAT THE C.C.F. HAS BEEN FIGHTING FOR.

Now Mr. Manning says he will do it if re-elected—"within the capacity of provincial revenue."

Will he?

Why did he not do it, when the people all wanted it, something during the last 13 years?

The Judge report came down this last session. Why did he not do it then, as the C.C.F. members asked, if he intended to do it, and cut our property taxes one year sooner?

According to Mr. Manning it has never been, "within the capacity of provincial revenue" yet to pay these social services—even though the provincial revenue over 13 years has built up a \$40,000,000 surplus at the expense in part of the municipal taxpayer. After the election, if Mr. Manning were returned to power, would he find it still not "within the capacity of the provincial revenue?"

It is time for a change in financial arrangements. To get your property taxes reduced this time, elect a C.C.F. government and get results not promised.

## WARNS OF DANGER FROM BUG SPRAYS

OTTAWA. — Canadians have been warned that a public health problem is being created by the use of many newly-developed insecticides on Canadian farms.

An ace plant pathologist of the Department of Agriculture, Dr. L. W. Koch, told an audience at Chatham that new insecticides are being manufactured and marketed faster than the department can guarantee them harmless to humans and animals.

Pointing out that many housewives do not thoroughly wash and clean fruits and vegetables before using them, Koch appealed that farmers "protect the public by not using any questionable chemicals in spraying operations just before picking time."

In the United States, he said, a "strange disease of the bowels in animals and humans had been traced to newly-developed insecticides."

## Canadians Favored

### BRITAIN WILL PAY MORE FOR WHEAT

CALGARY.—On August 1st the price of wheat under the British-Canadian wheat contract will go to \$2.00 a bushel, basis 1 northern at Fort William. Canada is obligated to supply Great Britain with 140 million bushels of wheat at that figure during the 1948-49 crop year.

The question now arises as to what the domestic price will be. At the present time the Canadian people eat bread from wheat at \$1.58½ a bushel, basis 1 northern at Fort William.

The Alberta Wheat Pool is of the opinion that the domestic price of wheat should be the same as the price levels obtainable for wheat exported to countries other than Great Britain. A resolution to that effect was passed at the last annual meeting of Alberta Wheat Pool delegates.

## "Front" Organizations

### BUSINESS OUT TO CRIPPLE CO-OPS

OTTAWA, (CPA).—Front organizations, lavishly financed by American business interests, are going all out for crippling taxation of the U.S. Co-operative Movement. Heading up the campaign is a pressure group called the "National Tax Equality Association."

The Farmers Union Herald of South St. Paul, Minn., quotes the report of the United States House of Representatives as showing "that a total of \$244,749 has been spent by these various 'front' organizations." The report listed the amounts spent by various national and state "small business organizations," "tax equality committees" and similar bodies.

#### Million Dollar Attack

Says the Herald: "When the half million dollars admitted spent by NTEA is added, and amounts spent by organizations not yet listed, like the Wisconsin Associated Businessmen, are added, it is safe to conclude that the total will exceed a million dollars."

The U.S. Treasury Department ruled against tax exemption of contributions made by businessmen to the National Tax Equality Association, partly on the grounds that "the Association is primarily devoted to the repeal of the tax exemption accorded farmer co-operatives."

The expensive "tax the co-ops" campaign of the NTEA follows the same line as the similar fight waged two years ago by the Income Tax Payers Association in an effort to have the Canadian Government tax the patronage dividends of co-operatives.

A simple soul is a man who starts out to build a \$7,500 house with only \$7,500.

## TITO IS "PAINFUL SURPRISE" TO LPP

OTTAWA (CPA).—"Progressive Canadians were painfully surprised" says the communist (LPP) party in official comment on Tito's quarrel with the Kremlin.

Not without some justifiable relish, Canadians picked up the July 3rd copy of the LPP "Canadian Tribune", which all last year has picked out Tito for special glorification. The "Trib" has contributed to the Canadian communist campaign which persuaded hundreds of Yugoslav immigrants to return to Tito's "new democracy." How was the "Trib" going to withstand the shock of the Yugoslav leader's gesture of independence? Was there any chance that the LPP would stand up for Tito, who was after all, so far as one could see, as staunch a communist as ever except that he wanted a little elbow room without too much Moscow direction?

#### Careful Little Note

On page 3 of the "Trib" was a careful little note:

"Rather than use the garbled versions of the statement of the Communist Information Bureau about the policy of the Yugoslav Communist Party, which are ap-

pearing in the daily press, the Canadian Tribune will await the receipt of official English text ... The LPP was waiting for the "line".

On July 5th it came, in an official LPP press release, full, round, and complete.

"Painfully Surprised"

The LPP was "painfully surprised" at Tito, but after all they had only been able to judge the man formerly by his wartime record. The Cominform, in taking Tito to task, is clearly, "upholding the precept emphasized by Lenin that the supreme test of a communist party is the manner in which it deals with its own mistakes." The Cominform "puts forward in clear and unequivocal language the position and line of action fought for by Lenin and Stalin, and proven historically correct since the great Russian Revolution." And "if the present leaders of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia refuse to correct their errors and persist in their erroneous policies then communists everywhere will look to the sound elements in the party to change them and raise from below a new international leadership of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia."

So once more all is clear. Black is black and the Kremlin is always white.

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# Even A Woman....!

By MARY R. CRAWFORD, President, Provincial Women's Committee

As I write, Alberta housewives are at their laundry. Those who got up early are ironing. An hour ago I polished off two cotton dresses and some other things for myself. It was easy. I didn't scorch anything. I just set my electric iron where I wanted it; and when I got to thinking, about the plebiscite and forgot what I was doing, it didn't forget.

I thought of Mrs. Farmer a hundred miles away, trudging back and forth from ironing-board to stove, exchanging heavy flurons and piling on the fuel while she sizzles in the hot kitchen. I thought of Mrs. Farmer in the Waterburn area. She can have electric power on the farm; but it will cost \$600 to install it. It did not cost me anything.

Neither Fair Nor Sensible  
Now, even a woman can see that is neither fair nor sensible. Private power corporations will serve the rural areas adjacent to their main power lines, provided the farmers pay the cost of installation. They will not serve the remote districts at all. It does not pay them and their business is profits, not service.

Many wise people are concerned today about the drift away

from the land. This hungry world needs food and more food. But the farm young people will not remain on the back concession. They do not want to live and work "old-fashioned."

## Question for Mr. Manning

That is the challenge of August 17, in Alberta. For four years every farm organization in the province, the Association of Municipal Districts and the C.C.F. Convention have demanded a publicly-owned power commission and rural electrification. I do not know of a single reputable public organization against it. For these four years the government has ignored the expressed will of the people, and now they present, not a positive program, but a plebiscite. I wish Mr. Manning would tell us what organizations have advised against public rural electrification.

## Should Vote "Yes"

Every voter, those now armed with electric power as well as those not so served, are to express an opinion. We should all vote "yes" for public rural electrification. It is the only civilized thing to do, even if it should cost us something. But it will not, in Manitoba the Public Power Commission electrified 1000 farms in 1945. It plans to have extended power to 43,000 of the 58,000 farms of the province by 1955; and it isn't costing the people in the cities anything more. In Saskatchewan, under a C.C.F. government, they are extending the service; they have reduced the rates four times; and they are operating at a profit. This profit, in turn, builds still more lines to reach still more farm homes.

If the Social Credit Government had any serious intention of doing this in Alberta, it would not be fooling around with a plebiscite.

Elect a C.C.F. government on August 17, and give it a mandate to turn on the light in Alberta.

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## A BIT OF Nonsense

"What are you going to do about it sir?" demanded the enraged tenant. "The walls of my house are all bulging outward."

"Bulging outward are they?" said the landlord, with a pleasant smile. "Then your house must be bigger; I shall raise your rent."

"What did you think of the ventriloquist?" asked the husband after the vaudeville act.

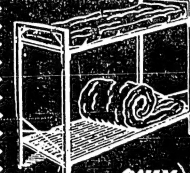
"I didn't think much of him," replied the wife, "but the little fellow on his knee was awfully clever."

Boy: "Mother this book says that in the ocean the big fish eat up the little sardines. Is that true?"

Mother: "Yes, I believe it is." Boy: "How do they open the tins?"

MacHamish: "I hear yer friend Angus has marrit a third wife." Elder: "Aye, Angus is an expensive freend; two wreaths an three presents in seventeen years!"

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## Christians In Politics

From "Time" Magazine

IT IS A fact that puzzles or annoys many a Marxist: that British Socialists seem to get more inspiration from the New Testament than from Das Kapital. The founder of Britain's Labor Party, the late Keir Hardie, was a serious Christian who denounced class warfare.

Last week 77 Labor members of (Britain's) Parliament proved that Hardie's tradition is still very much alive. Calling themselves the "Parliamentary Socialist Christian Group," the 77 published a plain-speaking pamphlet. Its theme: Christians should be in politics, and Labor should be their party.

## Forward by Cripps

The pamphlet, "In This Faith We Live," has a foreword by Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps and the signatures of a good cross-section of government M.P.'s.

Early in 1947 members of the new group began to meet informally to discuss ways and means of injecting more practical Christianity into politics. Last November they sent a letter to the "Times" which drew such a response that they decided to publish the present twelve-page statement of faith.

## Urges Social Action

Worship is a Christian's most important activity, says the statement, but social action comes second; and politics is social action's effective form. But the Christian is not aiming at a mere Marxian dream of material welfare; he desires "the maximum opportunity for the development of individual personalities."

"I Was An Hungered . . ." Citing their party's record on Matthew 25:34-40 ("... I was an hungered and ye gave me meat"), the Socialist Christians state baldly that "the Labor Party has a



SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS,

has written a foreword for the pamphlet, "In This Faith We Live," published by the Parliamentary Socialist Christian Group. It is attracting wide and favorable attention in Britain now.

good claim to be considered the Christian Party." They admit the existence of "probably a small minority" in the British Labor movement who, as Victorian rationalists or Marxian materialists, "reject the Christian idea of God." But the Labor Party offers Britons "the opportunity to share in a great common purpose, sought with a sense of universal comradeship, in contrast with the Conservative aim of competitive striving for personal gain."

Before planning for the future, the new group is waiting to see how much interest this first tract stirs up. If last week's spate of newspaper comment and requests for copies was any indication, Parliament's 77 Socialist-Christians would have plenty to do.

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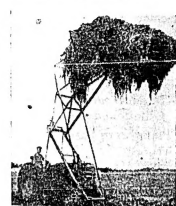
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win the election. That is for sure. I don't think we can win any seats without a fight. If we fight hard enough we can win enough to form a government. We didn't start saying "it is time for a change." We picked it up. The other day a Social Credit member of the past legislature called me up to wish us luck. He said, "This outfit has gone so bad on the people that they smell to high heaven. They are now everything we fought against in 1935. It is time for a change!"

So the swing is there. If every blessed one of us make this the most important thing we have to do in the next two weeks, anything can happen. There is nothing short of heaven that is as important to any of us as what happens on August 17th. The future of the province is at stake. Another four or five years of the present government and things will be fixed for the people who are now supporting Mr. Manning. Is there anyone so simple in Alberta as not to realize that the millionaire press is supporting the government because they are serving so well the interests for whom the millionaire press speaks? If that isn't serious enough to make you and me put everything we have in this fight, then nothing is serious. The stakes for Alberta people are high. Compared to the welfare of Alberta families that is involved in the election, the dollars we give and the time we expend are nothing. So don't let anyone sit at home these days, or stay at home at all for that matter. It's a job that has to be done. It is more important than any other job that might be done. And the need for money to let us tell our story to the voters is the greatest need any of us has.

# Provinces Demand

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freight rate structure. And a thorough enquiry is what the seven provinces want. They are demanding a Royal Commission to find some fair way of distributing railway operating costs, so that all the burden does not fall on primary producers in the West and the Maritimes.

## Warns Ottawa

The provinces have gone so far as to tell the Ottawa cabinet that they will not co-operate with the Transport Board if that discredited body gets the job of making the enquiry.

In their brief the provincial representatives said, "Reference back to that Board of the whole freight rate question would be regarded

by the public as futile and dilatory. The general public has lost confidence in the Board."

Meeting with the federal cabinet on the 20th were: Premier Macdonald of Nova Scotia, Premier McNair of New Brunswick, Premier Jones of P.E.I., Premier Garson of Manitoba, Premier Manning of Alberta, Hon. Lachlan McIntosh of Saskatchewan and Attorney-General Wismer of British Columbia.

The joint brief found plenty of fault with the judgment of the Board last April. Road figures for both railways showed an increase of \$155,000,000 in expenses between 1939 and 1946, but also showed an increase of \$320,000,000 in operation revenue. This could hardly mean that the railways are in a "necessitous condition," said the brief. Nine other specific points were made in protesting the Board's action.

# CCF Promises

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keep it from the rural people. (b) Rural electrification being one of the major planks in the C.C.F. platform, the provincial board makes the pledge to farm people that if the vote in rural constituencies is favorable to rural electrification by public ownership, the project will be undertaken by the C.C.F. government. The board does not believe it is fair to have the rural electrification issue decided by people who have no direct interest in getting electricity into farm homes.

The record of the Social Credit government in ignoring the previous requests of all the farm organizations for rural electrification, makes it clear that electricity for farm homes is more likely to depend on the kind of a government elected on August 17 than it will on the result of the plebiscite.

## 2. Roads:

(a) An immediate survey of the road needs of the province by the most capable highway and traffic engineers available on the continent, with a view to making a road program that will give the taxpayer full value for every dollar spent on roads. The C.C.F. believes that there has been appalling waste and inefficiency in the expenditure of \$51 millions for roads, bridges and ferries in the past 12 years.

(b) Co-operation with municipal authorities to effect a vigorous program of market road improvements throughout the province.

## 3. Health:

A province-wide system of hospital and health care regard-

less of the individual's ability to pay.

## 4. Resources:

A policy of development of the province's resources in such a way as to obtain for the people of the province a maximum share of the wealth produced.

## 5. Education:

Payment by a C.C.F. government of 50% of the cost of elementary and secondary education in the province, together with a continuation of the present equalization grants to school divisions.

## 6. Labor:

Repeal of Bill 91 and the enactment of a trade union act to speed up the settlement of industrial disputes through collective bargaining."

# Radio Fund

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Parson, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. R. Lent, \$5.65; F. Herzog, \$1.00; J. R. Dyck, \$25.00; A. Luness, \$3.00; Gordon McRann, \$2.00; C. E. Way, \$2.50; W. J. Winslow, \$10.00; Mrs. P. M. Cooper, \$2.00; R. C. Bell, \$1.00; Ben Berr, \$1.00; James Fallon, \$1.00; Bill Taylor, \$50; Dr. S. O. Williams, \$2.00; T. H. Rowe, \$2.50; Mrs. Powers, \$1.00; Mrs. E. Lumsden, \$1.00; L. Quinlin, \$1.00; Edward Malmgren, \$1.00; A. C.C.P'er, \$50; A. Friend, \$50; A. Haugen, \$1.00; W. Brown, \$1.00; A. Pearson, \$1.00; C. H. Johnson, \$1.00; H. Hargren, \$2.00; Mrs. Falconer, \$2.50; Mrs. E. Adamson, \$2.50; (Omitted from previous list—Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Hollinshead, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore, \$1.00; Modeste Creek C.C.F. Club, \$23.00. Total \$174.65.

# Liberal Cabinet

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Ottawa this week, M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. national leader, objected to the way the government had abandoned, by order-in-council, the aviation policy laid down by parliament. In a statement to the Co-operative Press Mr. Coldwell said:

## Coldwell Comments

"The announcement that the Canadian government is abandoning the statutory policy adopted by parliament regarding overseas air service is another indication of the government's attitude toward parliament itself. The new policy adopted by order-in-council abandons the policy adopted by the countries of the British Commonwealth, all of which realize that efficient trans-ocean service within the Commonwealth can be best attained through air transportation facilities owned and operated by the respective governments. It is an extraordinary thing that Canada which has the most efficient and safest service in the world through its carefully operated Trans-Canada Airlines should include the duplication of repair, control and other facilities with a private company. This will not promote the efficiency and therefore the safety for which T.C.A. is justly famous."

The about-face in government air policy since 1943 has been a clear indication of the pressure exerted on the Liberal administration by the big C.P.R. company.

It was Prime Minister King who laid down the policy in 1943, reserving not only all international air service, but all domestic air service of any importance for the publicly-owned T.C.A.

## Changes Its Mind

In 1944 it was C. D. Howe, who had nursed T.C.A. into a first class air service, who sharply attacked C.P.R. attempts to get into the air picture. Wielding the big stick, Mr. Howe put before Parliament a bill to force railways to divest themselves of their air transport systems one year after the war. The date for this amputation was set for May, 1946.

But before that date rolled around the government by order-in-council, moved the date to May, 1947. And when May, 1947, arrived, the government announced a complete change of attitude. The railways could keep their domestic airlines, after all.

By this time C.P.R. owned seven great secondary air routes within Canada, including lines from Montreal to Quebec City and from prairie and west coast cities into the northland.

"A stable aviation industry amply self-supporting," approved Mr. Howe, and despite vigorous C.C.F. protests the C.P.R. was allowed to keep its air transport lines.

Now, a little over a year later, the cabinet has given in completely. C.P.R. gets airlines to the Pacific. It is a monopoly of transport power which even the United States has prohibited so far. In the U.S.A., as in several other countries, railway companies are not allowed to operate air routes.

# BUTTER SHORTAGE SEEN FOR WINTER

OTTAWA, (CPA)—By next winter and spring, butter stocks in Canada will be 30,000,000 pounds short of requirements, unless some immediate action is taken by the government to increase production or to import butter, statistics released in Ottawa this week show.

One dairy official in Montreal is predicting large-scale black market operations, charging that black market operators in Toronto and Montreal have disrupted normal trade channels, storing away butter for sale when the shortage makes itself felt. How much credence may be given to such reports is not certain, since dairy interests are pressuring actively for removal of the price ceiling on butter. But all signs point to an acute condition next spring, and the government figures show the biggest butter shortage in Canadian history shaping up.

According to DBS, stocks of creamery butter in nine cities of Canada on July 1 amounted to 16,217,000 pounds, compared to 25,488,000 pounds a year ago.

# Who Owns

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## oil company.

No Home Left Gone is the home value built into the farm in two or three generations. Gone is the social position and cherished private ownership about which this government sheds crocodile tears; decreed and marred are the precious acres that have been so carefully acquired and tended; gone is the home of your choosing, and offered in their place is a miserable pittance, barely a nuisance charge when balanced against the millions of dollars of profits for a corporation. Is it any wonder that the financial and business interests are backing Social Credit?

Dividends to the "Big Sholt" Alberta is rich in natural wealth—richer, perhaps, than any other province in Canada. Some of the wealth from these resources, including oil, can provide the people of the province with greater social services, better health and medical care, and increased educational opportunities for our children. From the wealth we have, we can provide our people with a higher standard of living than they can find anywhere else in Canada. But not if all the profits go to the private corporations.

Here's Something to Know What is the C.C.F. policy on natural resources such as oil? In the first place, royalties now being paid by private corporations on oil, produced from Crown Lands, will be substantially increased.

In the second place a C.C.F. government will, in the oil producing areas, reserve checkerboarded areas at least equal in size to those owned by private corporations. Wells in these publicly owned areas will be developed by public ownership or by arrangement with the oil companies, so that the all profits will go to the people of the province. Reserves will be set up to carry on further exploration just as oil companies do now.

## Owner or Occupant?

A C.C.F. government will protect the owner of surface rights. A farmer will have the option of either accepting compensation based on oil value determined by proper arbitration, or of selling his land to the owner of the mineral rights on a basis of appraisal value, plus 50% for severance, plus 1/2 for compulsory taking. This amounts to \$24,000 on an average quarter in the Leduc area. You can get a square deal if you vote for it.

# JASPER C.C.F. MAKES PLANS FOR ELECTION

JASPER—At a meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McConnell in Jasper on Saturday night last, the following committee was chosen to take charge of election plans:

Chairman and convener: Mr. Joseph Hale; Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. S. P. Curry; Other members: Messrs. Harry Davis, Harry Dixon, R. D. McConnell, Mel. Taylor, A. H. Gillett and B. J. Heafy.

Plans were made for the public meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 4th, in support of Chris Patinson, C.C.F. candidate in the Edson riding.

M. D. Meade, President of the Edson C.C.F. Constituency Association was in charge of the meeting.

Will Rogers, who was proud of having American Indians for ancestors, cracked one of his best jokes at the expense of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"I can't claim my folks were Mayflower descendants," he told the women, "but I recollect there was to meet the boat."

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